NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

The Department of Environmental Conservation proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 18 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with Chapter 60, Solid Waste Management, including the following:

- (1) 18 AAC 60.025 and 18 AAC 60.990(97) are proposed for amendment to modify disposal request requirements and to clarify the definition of polluted soil.
- (2) 18 AAC 60.205 regarding solid waste management planning is proposed for repeal. The section requires that a permit applicant prepare and submit a solid waste management plan prior to submitting a permit application. The intent of the repeal is to eliminate this requirement because the benefit of the required plan is minimal compared to the cost of preparing the plan.
- (3) 18 AAC 60.213 is proposed for adoption. It adopts portions of the federal Research, Development, and Demonstration (RD&D) rule. This will allow the department to issue RD&D permits that allow variances from certain regulatory requirements for approved RD&D projects. 18 AAC 200(a), 18 AAC 60.210(b) and 18 AAC 60.215(a), 18 AAC 60.225(c) and 18 AAC 60.360(a) will be amended to reflect the addition of 18 AAC 60.213.
- (4) 18 AAC 60.260 is proposed for amendment to make permit modification conditions consistent with statutory authority for permit modification.
- (5) 18 AAC 60.700(a) is proposed for repeal and readoption, and 18 AAC 60.700(b), (c), and (f) are proposed for amendment, to revise the fees to more accurately reflect costs to the department. 18 AAC 60.700(e), which allows for smaller facilities to have their fee reduced, is being repealed because this reduction, based on travel cost, has been incorporated into the revised fees. 18 AAC 60.255(c) and (e) will be amended to reflect changes to 18 AAC 60.700(a). 18 AAC 60.255(i), which classifies general permits for fee purposes, will be repealed, because general permit fees are specifically addressed in the changes to 18 AAC 60.700(a).

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to:

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The comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. Alaska Standard Time on January 15, 2010.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Rebecca Colvin at 907-269-7802 no later than January 6, 2010 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes go to www.dec.state.ak.us/regulations/index.htm, or contact:

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After the public comment period ends, the Department of Environmental Conservation will either adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action on them. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. YOU SHOULD COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED. Written comments received are public records and are subject to public inspection.

Statutory Authority: AS 44.46.020, AS 44.46.025, AS 46.03.020

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific:

AS 37.10.052, AS 46.03.010, AS 46.03.020, AS 46.03.100, AS 46.03.110, AS 46.03.120, AS 46.03.296, AS 46.03.299, AS 46.03.302, AS 46.03.800, AS 46.03.810, AS 46.03.820, AS 46.03.850, AS 46.04.020, AS 46.06.010, AS 46.06.080, AS 46.09.020, AS 46.35.090(e)

Fiscal Information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

DATE: December 11, 2009

Larry Hartia Commissioner